

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

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In response to the Office Action of October 7, 2005, please add the following lines to the end of page 3 as follows:

Fig. 6 is a side view in elevation of the preferred embodiment of a display frame of the present invention without side members.

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Please amend the paragraph 1 on page 4 as follows:

The present invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2 is a combination display frame shown generally at 10 comprising an outer periphery 12, a matte 14, backing means 16, light means 18 shown as a fluorescent light source, and at least two pieces of art 19. In the preferred embodiment, said at least two pieces of art 19 comprise a at least partially transparent piece of art 20, and a generally opaque piece of art 22 with an outer perimeter 23. Said matte 14 and said backing 16 are of the same general shape as said periphery 12 but of slightly smaller dimension.

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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4 to the second paragraph on page 5 of the application as follows:

As shown in Fig. 3, said at least partially transparent piece of art 20 is secured behind and within said first opening 30 in said matte 14; said generally opaque piece of art 22 is secured behind and within said second opening 32 in said matte 14. Referring back to Fig. 2, the backing means 16 is secured behind said generally opaque piece of art 22 and said at least partially transparent piece of art 20 and said third opening 34 is positioned behind said at least partially transparent

piece of art 20 such that light may pass through said at least partially transparent piece of art 20. Said light means 18 is placed so that it directs light through said third opening 34, said at least partially transparent piece of art 20, and said first opening 30. Means for alternatively actuating said light means 42 to either one of an on-condition or an off-condition is provided. (See Fig. 4) ~~[[Means for]]~~ A plurality of clamps 53 serving as securing means securing said matte 14, said backing 16, and one of said at least two pieces of art 19 are provided and shown in Fig. 6. Said ~~means for securing may include mechanical clamps or a~~An adhesive material 55 may also serve as securing means as shown in Fig. 6 but ~~[[or]]~~ other mechanical or magnetic means (not shown)~~[[,]]~~ are ~~[[all]]~~also generally known in the art as means for securing displays.

In the preferred embodiment, said light means 18 is a slim light panel and fits directly into said third opening 34 behind said at least partially transparent piece of art 20. A removable access panel 40 (shown in Fig. 4) is provided which detachably secures said light means 18 in place. Said removable access panel 40 may include latching means 41. Also in the preferred embodiment, means for alternatively actuating said light means ~~[[]]~~ 42 is a switch that is preferably associated with said outer periphery 12 and connected to said light panel 18 by wire 44 serving as a circuit means.

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Please amend the second paragraph on page 7 of the application as follows:

As disclosed, said backing means 16 may be transparent and larger than

said matte 14 and said matte 14 may be protected by transparent protective means 58 such as acrylic or glass the same size as said backing means 16. In this arrangement, the combination display frame 10 has transparent portions which overlap said matte 14. ~~Once again, means for securing all in relationship 53 with one another may include the above mentioned items.~~ The securing means of either the plurality of clamps 53 or the adhesive 54 may also secure the above mentioned items. However, the preferred embodiment also includes two short frame members 54 and two long frame members 56 which are positioned adjacent to said outer periphery 12 to form a traditional, rectangular shaped frame. Said two short frame members 54 and said two long frame members 56 may ~~[[be used]]~~also serve as securing means for securing said matte, said backing means, said at least two art pieces and said light source ~~in-secured relationship 53~~ along with any of the aforementioned ~~[[materials]]~~securing means and may also serve as a decorative border.

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